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Scott Haberle Set to Serve as Surf City's Next Fire Chief

Haberle currently serves as Fire Chief for the City of Monterey Park, and is slated to take over for retiring Fire Chief David Segura.

Huntington Beach, Calif., — City Manager Oliver Chi has announced the appointment of Scott Haberle as the City's next Fire Chief, effective February 10, 2020. Chief Haberle joins Huntington Beach with 27 years of fire service experience, with the past five years in the capacity of Fire Chief for the City of Monterey Park. The City Council will consider ratifying Chief Haberle's employment contract on January 21.

"We are so pleased to welcome Chief Haberle to Surf City," said Mr. Chi. "Throughout the assessment process, Scott consistently demonstrated himself to be a talented and forward-thinking leader who embraces the City's team-oriented approach to public service."

Chief Haberle brings with him to Huntington Beach a strong track record of effective citywide collaboration resulting in enhanced emergency service delivery and conservative fiscal management. His balanced fire service career has given him a wide variety of experience in emergency operations, community disaster preparedness, emergency medical services, community risk reduction, and fire prevention. Of note, Chief Haberle earned the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) certification from the National Fire Academy, which is one of the highest designations for fire executives.

"I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to serve the Huntington Beach community as its Fire Chief and lead the fine men and women of the department into the next decade," Chief Haberle said. "It is a tremendous honor to follow Chief Segura, who has done an outstanding job leading the department while building strong relationships within the community."

Chief Haberle is set to replace retiring Huntington Beach Fire Chief, David Segura, who has served as Interim Chief while a national recruitment process was conducted by Ralph Anderson & Associates. "For almost four years, I have had the privilege of serving as Fire Chief for the Huntington Beach Fire Department," Chief Segura said. "During that time, I have observed that our firefighters and lifeguards consistently provide unparalleled service to the public with compassion, dignity, and excellence. I will miss working with our Council and staff, however, I will continue to make HB my home," he said.

Chief Segura continued, "Scott's record of impressive achievements over many years in the fire service demonstrates that he will be able to continue the tradition of outstanding service that is associated with the HBFD. Our constituents are in good hands, and as the City continues to advance and demands for fire services increase, I know that Chief Haberle will provide the exceptional leadership necessary to enhance the work that this great organization provides."

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Upon his appointment, Chief Haberle will assume leadership for one of the premier Fire Department agencies in the country. With nearly 200 full-time personnel and 150 seasonal lifeguards, Chief Haberle will be responsible for managing eight fire stations, a Marine Safety division, and an annual operating budget of approximately \$50 million.

In addition to serving as Fire Chief for the City of Monterey Park, Chief Haberle also served the City of Monrovia as a Firefighter, Fire Inspector/Fire Investigator, Paramedic, Fire Captain, Fire Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal, and Deputy Fire Chief. He holds an Associate's Degree from Rio Hondo College; a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Long Beach; a Master's Degree in Public Administration from University of La Verne; and the Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Chief Haberle and his wife Cathy have been married for 23 years and have three teenage children. They enjoy spending time together attending school and sporting activities.

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